

Cloudy and warmer with rain to-day; to-morrow rain; east to south winds. Highest temperature yesterday, 48; lowest, 34. Detailed weather reports will be found on editorial page.

THE BEST IN ITS HISTORY. The New York Herald, with all that was best of The Sun intertwined with it, and the whole revitalized, is a bigger and better and sounder newspaper than ever before.

U. S. ARMY AIRSHIP ROMA WRECKED WITH LOSS OF 34 LIVES; PLUNGES 1,000 FEET AGAINST ELECTRIC WIRES AND EXPLODES; THREE OF 45 ABOARD ESCAPE UNHURT FROM FLAMING MASS

BONUS DEATH THROES SEEN IN TAX PROTEST; BACKERS JOINING FOES

Commander MacNider of Legion Stirs Strong Resentment by Telegram to Harding—Seventy Representatives Unite Against Sales Levy—Three Senators Announce Hostility to the Gratuity Scheme.

By LOUIS SEIBOLD. Several important developments to-day combined to support the impression that the bonus raid on the Government finances and the business of the country is dead, for the time being at least. It may get a new lease of life as a result of the persistent activities of its friends, who refuse to admit defeat, but the belief generally prevails in both houses of Congress that it will be put away in cold storage after a gasp or two.

Calder Will Not Vote for Bonus, He Announces

SENATOR WILLIAM M. CALDER came out definitely against the bonus bill last night at a dinner of the Ulster County Society at the Biltmore Hotel. In his speech he said: "As far as I am concerned I shall not vote for any bill giving the well men a cash bonus until the sick and wounded have been taken care of."

NATIONAL G. O. P. CLUB VOTES DOWN BONUS

Favors Giving Nothing to Man Who Can't Show Wound or Is Not Disabled.

WORDS OF MELLON CITED

Incapacitated Soldiers Are Well Taken Care of, Say Resolutions Adopted.

Vigorous opposition by the National Republican Club to the granting of a Federal bonus "to any soldier who cannot show a wound or who was not disabled in the service" was recommended last night in a resolution adopted by the members of the club at the regular monthly meeting.

To Concentrate on Disabled.

4. The pronounced growth of sentiment in favor of postponing for the present consideration of any legislation for the benefit of ex-service men except a bill making the most liberal provision for the sick, wounded and helpless victims of the world war, which is already assured.

5. The opening of a bitter fight between Senators and Representatives representing the agricultural bloc on the one hand and the advocates of bonus legislation on the other over the sales tax.

Experienced observers in both houses of Congress were in unanimous agreement to-night that under present conditions it will be impossible to pass a bonus bill in either branch and especially in the Senate. The optimism of Senators and Representatives who favor adoption of the sales tax to finance the bonus raid was punctured by Secretary Mellon at his conference with the members of the Ways and Means subcommittee. The Secretary told the legislators he had not changed his mind as to the undesirability of issuing short term certificates or long time bonds or imposing further taxes on the people.

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MRS. PARKINS TURNS ON WHISKY PLOTTERS WHO MADE FORTUNE

Woman Indicted in Three Cities Is Grilled on Dry Office Betrayals.

MONEY USED LAVISHLY

\$3,000 Is Paid for Stolen Telegrams—O'Connor's Rubber Stamp in a Saloon.

Mrs. Mary E. Parkins, under indictment here, in Washington and in Pittsburgh in connection with liquor scandals, turned Government witness yesterday at the trial before Federal Judge Webb of Edward Donegan and Miss Regina Sassone, who are charged with conspiracy in stealing valuable records from prohibition headquarters in this city and violation of the Volstead act.

UNITY SUPREME DESIRE

Both Collins and De Valera Willing to Submit Treaty to People.

This was accepted as a happy augury, for Michael Collins, head of the provisional Government, had revealed that he had spent several hours with Eamon de Valera yesterday attempting to reach a compromise but had failed. De Valera also admitted the failure of this attempt, and came to the Ard Fheis to-day believing that a split was inevitable.

Always Had Rolls of Money.

"Did Donegan ever show you any money in the McAlpin Hotel?" asked Mr. Cahill. "He always had rolls of money," replied the witness, with a smile. "Did Miss Sassone ever tell you that Donegan had ever given her anything?" "She spoke to me about Donegan giving her money and taking it home and also that he had given her presents of jewelry."

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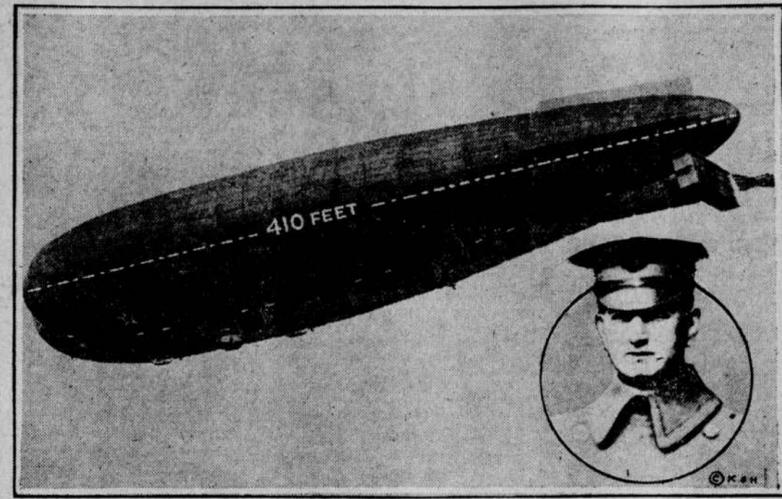
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Flapper, House Party Queen, Rum and Chorus Girl Under New Ban

EASTON, Pa., Feb. 21.—Dean A. K. Heckel announced to-day that the faculty of Lafayette College had voted unanimously to abolish junior week, the reason given being that "in the present abnormal state of society, with its spirit of revolt and disregard of social standards and conventions, the faculty has found it difficult to secure proper cooperation of students, the chaperons and their guests in the maintenance of decorum."

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The Roma and Her Commander, Capt. Mabry.



SINN FEIN AVERTS IMMEDIATE SPLIT

Convention Adjourns Until To-day, Asking Leaders to Get Together.

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SUSPEND STUDENTS AFTER TRINITY FIRES

HARTFORD, Feb. 21.—Two students of Trinity College, one of them a senior prominent in athletics and the other a freshman, have been suspended by the college authorities as a result of several mysterious fires that have started in various buildings recently.

College Authorities Act as State Police Investigate Sixth of Series.

The latest of the fires occurred yesterday in the Latin recitation room and in room 41, Jarvis Hall. The authorities of the college believe that both of these were of incendiary origin. The recitation room fire was got under control after it had burned the desk and chair used by Prof. Leroy Barrett, while the Jarvis Hall fire started at midnight and burned a dresser in a bedroom of the dormitory. The room was occupied by William Hunkins of Brooklyn and Raymond Montgomery of New Haven, both of whom were away at the time.

VILNA VOTES TO JOIN POLAND BY 96 TO 6

VILNA, Lithuania, Feb. 21 (Associated Press).—The Diet to-day by a vote of 96 out of 102 decided for the complete incorporation of Vilna with Poland. There were dramatic scenes in the chamber, where the Polish flag was raised and the Polish national anthem sung.

Efforts for Union Won.

To-night the newboys are selling extra announcing the avoidance of a split. This was a most unusual thing for Dublin, but the occasion justified it. Ireland's enemies believed that when outward opposition was taken away Ireland would fall apart. For a time it seemed that this was inevitable, but Irish leaders, including Collins, strove mightily for union and now they have about succeeded in preventing a disruption.

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THE DEAD AND SURVIVORS

Official reports of the Roma disaster place the number of dead at thirty-four. Of these thirteen were officers, from the rank of Major to First Lieutenant of the army; sixteen were enlisted men and five civilians. Here is the official list of the dead and the survivors:

- THE DEAD: THORNELL, MAJOR JOHN G. VAUTSMEIER, MAJOR WALTER W. MABRY, CAPT. DALE WATTS, CAPT. GEORGE D. McFARLAND, CAPT. ALLEN P. DURSCHMIDT, CAPT. HALL, FIRST LIEUT. J. R. RILEY, FIRST LIEUT. WILLIAM BURNS, FIRST LIEUT. C. SMYTHE, FIRST LIEUT. CLIFFORD E. CUMMINGS, FIRST LIEUT. WALLACE C. CLINTON, FIRST LIEUT. AMBROSE V. HINE, FIRST LIEUT. HAROLD McNALLY, MASTER SERGEANT MURRY, MASTER SERGEANT GORBY, MASTER SERGEANT HARRIS, SERGEANT HILLIARD, SERGEANT BEAL, SERGEANT YARBROUGH, SERGEANT RYAN, SERGEANT HUFFMAN, SERGEANT SCHUMACKER, SERGEANT McNAIR, SERGEANT HEVERON, SERGEANT.

U. S. SUES COMPANY TO GET \$6,000,000

DETROIT, Feb. 21.—The United States Government to-day filed a claim for \$6,000,000 against the Detroit Trust Company as receiver for the Lincoln Motors Company, according to a Washington telegram. It was this company which Henry Ford purchased recently for \$3,000,000.

Claim Is Against Lincoln Motors, Which Henry Ford Recently Bought.

Henry M. Leland, president of the Lincoln company, and Ralph Stone, president of the trust company, are puzzled over the action. James Murfin, attorney for the creditors of the Lincoln company, announced that he had a telephone talk with the Attorney-General's office at Washington and made an appointment in Washington for 10 o'clock Friday morning for a conference with Attorney-General Daugherty.

INDONESIAN VIEW.

Secretary Mellon endorsed President Harding's suggestion that the least objectionable way to raise money for the bonus raid would be through the adoption of a general sales tax on production rather than on specific commodities. He said a sales tax of from 2 to 4 per cent. would be needed to raise an annual revenue of \$450,000,000, which would be necessary to carry out the terms of the bonus measure.

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MAVANA - ATLANTIC COAST LINE. "It is a complete charge to me," said Mr. Stone. "I suppose it's a matter within the Department of Justice. I know nothing about it except what The New York Herald informed me an hour ago of the claim. Of course we will make an investigation. We can't determine what our course will be until then."

BROKEN RUDDER LEADS TO WORST DISASTER IN AMERICAN AIR HISTORY

Crew in a Frantic Effort to Avert Tragedy Hurl Out Sand Ballast But Ship Refuses to Respond to Helm.

SOME JUMP FROM BIG CRAFT AS SHE FALLS AT HAMPTON ROADS

Only Those in Forward Compartment Had Chance to Come Out Alive—Accident Follows First Test of Liberty Motors—Helium Gas Not in Use—Stories of Survivors.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 21.—Thirty-four men were killed, eight injured seriously and three uninjured or only slightly bruised when the giant army airship Roma, with her crew and a number of civilians, totaling forty-five in all, aboard, plunged to-day from a thousand feet to the ground at the Hampton Roads naval base.

The accident presumably was caused by a broken rudder, and as the huge dirigible plunged to earth she capsized across a high tension electric line, bursting into a roaring furnace of blazing hydrogen gas. In earlier flights helium, the non-inflammable gas, had been used to inflate the Roma, but because of an insufficiency of helium it had been withdrawn and the highly inflammable hydrogen substituted.

Long after dark to-night, many hours after her fall, the ship was still a mass of flames from end to end of her 410 foot mass. The fire fed on the million cubic feet of gas which had distended the great bag for the flight and made all attempts at rescue work futile.

All Aboard Airship Are Accounted For.

The flames finally were quenched by three fire departments with chemicals. And then derricks began picking up the wreckage, which consisted of scarcely more than the aluminum framework and the six Liberty motors. Within the wreckage lay the bodies, practically all charred beyond recognition. But before the night had passed thirty-three bodies had been removed, accounting for the last of those who were known to have taken flight on the fatal voyage.

Nose Crashes Against Electric Wires.

Below ran the high double wires of the high power electric line; it carried a 2,300 volt current. The Roma's nose, shot with its aluminum guard, thrust into the wires, broke them as the ship flattened to earth and rolled over, and the next moment came the noise as of an explosion and the flames burst out along the hull space.

There was a rush of men to the rescue from the army post and the navy base beyond. Just as the Roma neared the wires two men were seen to leap from high up in her slanting hull. Then ten more dropped from doors or ports or through holes they tore in the fabric sides that inclosed them. Some leaped from the platform where the engines stood, far out from the hull.

So swift was the flare of the gas flame that rescuers were driven back before its terrific heat. They watched helplessly as the great eighty foot bag shriveled in the fierce blaze of the liberated gas. The Roma was a wall of flame a city block long, and until the thousands of gallons of chemicals and water checked the holocaust it was impossible to reach the comrades mangled and dead in that fiery furnace.

The ship left no passenger list behind her when she set out for a brief trial run from Langley. She is known to have carried many officers and men as passengers, however, in addition to her operating crew. As she rose from the field her commander leaned out to signal that he had forty-four persons aboard. It is believed he did not include one civilian on the ship and that she actually carried forty-five.

Officers who knew personally many of the officers and enlisted men were unable to identify a single one of the victims, so badly charred was each—virtually cooked to death in the mass of wreckage when the explosion and flames encompassed them.

Only those in the forward part of the operating compartment of the ship had a chance for their lives. Several were injured severely by jumping, but three came out practically unhurt and were discharged from the hospital within a few hours after the disaster.

Lieut. Burt, who, with Capt. Reed, was the principal pilot of the Roma, was one of these. He jumped when the ship was only a few yards from the ground. A civilian, Roy Harley, also escaped unhurt, as did Master Sergeant Peek.

Of the forty-five who left the Langley Field air station this afternoon, only eleven are known to have survived the accident. Some of these, more dead than alive, lay on their cots at the United States Public Health Service Hospital with burned and broken limbs swathed in bandages. Some had their faces smeared with cream to relieve them of their intense suffering, while others lay asleep or unconscious, with only their closed eyes visible. All who were able to talk were suffering from shock.

Albert Flores, who was in the observers' pit on top of the bag, said: "I felt the ship tilt up from the back and start to slide down. I tried to go back down inside, but then I decided to come out forward again. By that time we hit the earth and I was thrown out on the ground." Flores was burned about the hands and is suffering from shock.

Major J. D. Reardon, who was in the control cabin at the time